

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular session at the Parks and Recreation office at 200 S Center Street, Bldg. #1, Mesa, on May 9, 2018.

Members Present:

Steve Crider
Matthew Erickson
Sarah Everman
Kimberly Forest
Jaime Glasser
Trevor Hansen
Alicia Kracht
Nycole Leyba
Jennifer Madsen
Jo Martin
Justin Murdock

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Marc Heirshberg
Mike Holste
Fred Rustam
Aimee Manis
Andrea Moore
Erik Ostlund
Leslie Clark
Tammy Davenport

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair, Matt Erickson.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Erickson asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes for the January 10, 2018 and March 7, 2018 meeting. Jo Martin made a motion to approve, Steve Crider seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Public Comments - None

Introduction of New Parks Board Member – Kimberly Forest

Ms. Forest introduced herself, she has been in the tourism industry for 38 years. Ms. Forest is the Sr. Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Visit Mesa and has lived in Mesa for 5 ½ years.

Election of New Vice-Chair

Mr. Erickson opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Nycole Leyba nominated Jo Martin, Trevor Hansen seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve.

Naming of Parks – Signal Butte and Elliott and Basin 329

Mr. Heirshberg introduced Andrea Moore. Ms. Moore stated that there were two parks to be named, one is a new site at Signal Butte and Elliott and an existing open space Basin 329. The Naming Procedures were provided to the Board. Ms. Moore explained the process, once the Board provides approval to move forward with the agreed upon names they will then be shared with Council who approve through approval of the minutes of this meeting.

Signal Butte and Elliott is a new site that was included in the 2012 Parks Bond. The name recommendation that was brought to the public meeting on our site plan for the park

development in December 2017. The suggestion that received the most number of votes was Signal Butte Park, that is staff's recommendation. The site plan was given to the Board to review.

Retention Basin 329 which is located just west of Lindsay on Baseline. Currently PRCF is in the process of naming all 134 of their basins, which currently are only identified by numbers. Staff's recommendation is Kingsgate Park.

Ms. Moore asked if there were any questions. Mr. Crider asked if there might be any conflict with the name Kingsgate since there is already a Kingsborough Park, since they are currently not close to each other the thought was that it would not be an issue.

Trevor Hansen had some additional suggestions for the naming of one of these two parks, Chief Jan Strauss Park. Mr. Heirshberg answered that currently PRCF does not name Parks after people, unless the property has been deeded to the City from a family, that usually the City of Mesa reserves that opportunity for City buildings.

Jo Martin made the motion to approve the name Signal Butte Park, this was seconded by Matt Erickson, and unanimously approved.

Jo Martin made the motion to approve the name Basin 329, Kingsgate Park, this was seconded by Sarah Everman, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Heirshberg stated that he would give Chief Batista the recommendation from Trevor Hansen to name perhaps a police building with the name Chief Jan Strauss.

Director's Comments –

Budget Update: Mr. Heirshberg presented the budget presentation that was given to Council. The Board asked questions about salaries; the Teen Leadership Training, resources management and the Amphitheatre. Mr. Heirshberg provided answers to all questions.

Council will be referring a .257 sales tax increase to the voters in November and has directed staff to work on a development plan for the soccer field parcel at Red Mountain Park (Mesa Plays). Last week Council started laying the ground work for a Public Safety Bond forecasted between \$80 and \$90 million. There have been several discussions since the Imagine Mesa project for a Parks Recreation, and Cultural bond and the Mesa Plays project at Red Mountain to also be included in the November election. At this time there is still discussion as to the dollar amount for this bond program, and what would be included.

The Board discussed soccer fields, locations and needs and proposed maintenance budget for maintenance of additional soccer fields. Mr. Heirshberg was able to assist with answering of these questions.

CAPRA Visit: Mr. Heirshberg asked Aimee Manis to share information regarding the Departments 5-year renewal accreditation process for CAPRA, a team of auditors will be in the Department June 20 and 21, 2018. The Board was invited to a luncheon and meet and greet on June 21st to meet the visitation team.

Chair Comments:

Mr. Erickson recognized Jennifer Madsen, who has completed her term with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She was presented with a Mini Parks Sign. Her time with the Board was appreciated as she was a valuable member of the Board.

Reports on meetings and/or events attended by Board Members

Matt Erickson: Invited the Board to attend Shrek the Musical, which is an adaptive musical to be held at Red Mountain High School, the dates June 14-16, 2018. Mr. Erickson and his wife direct the musical.

Justin Murdock: Visited Desert Arroyo Park

Jo Martin: Visited Riverview Park and volunteered Celebrate Mesa

Motion to adjourn was made by Jo Martin, seconded by Trevor Hansen and the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Heirshberg, CPRE
PRCF Department Director